



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

September 26, 1997

H.R. 1476

The Miccosukee Settlement Act of 1997

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 17, 1997

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1476 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Because H.R. 1476 would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Any costs resulting from the settlement agreement would be incurred voluntarily by the state, local, and tribal governments as parties to that agreement.

H.R. 1476 would allow the Secretary of the Interior to implement a settlement agreement between the state of Florida, the Miccosukee Tribe, and the Department of the Interior. The agreement involves the transfer of rights-of-way from the tribe to the state for construction of an interstate highway. In exchange for this land transfer, the tribe would receive approximately \$2 million from the state and would agree to dismiss certain legal claims against the state. The tribe also would receive land from the state to be held in trust by the Department of the Interior. CBO estimates that the Bureau of Land Management would spend about \$100,000 in fiscal year 1998 to survey the land to be transferred into trust, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Lisa Daley (for federal costs) and Marjorie Miller (for the impact on state, local, and tribal governments). This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.